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## Overview: American Economic Association

Established in 1885, the American Economic Association (AEA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, scholarly association dedicated to the encouragement of economic research. The AEA serves over 20,000 members working in academia, business, and government.

The AEA publishes eight of the most prestigious academic [journals in economics](#) including the *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, the *Journal of Economic Literature*, the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, the *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, and the *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*. In addition, the Association publishes the *AEA Papers and Proceedings*; [EconLit](#), the most widely used reference tool for economics literature; and the [JOE Network](#) (Job Openings for Economists) which is the preferred hiring tool for the economics job market.

In cooperation with key governance committees, the Association continues to expand its diversity and inclusion initiatives to fulfill its ongoing commitment toward improving the professional climate in economics. Activities include the AEA pipeline program for underrepresented minorities, [AEA Best Practices](#) recommendations, the establishment of an [ombudsperson](#) resource for the reporting of harassment and discrimination, training for educators, committee support for women, underrepresented minorities and LGBTQ+ individuals, as well as several [grants and awards](#) opportunities.

The AEA joins with 63 other associations in economics or related professions to produce the annual Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) [meeting](#) consisting of over 500 educational sessions and special events. It is considered the premier conference of its kind. Over 13,000 professionals gather to present and celebrate new achievements in economics research, participate in job interviewing activities, and to collaborate with mentors and peers.

The [JOE Network](#) (Job Openings for Economists) listing service facilitates the matching of high-caliber candidates with sought-after positions at leading institutions. JOE Network is tailored to the specialized needs of the economics job market, including a mechanism for faculty to easily upload and manage recommendation letters. A job information board, AEA EconTrack, is populated by employers and allows candidates to monitor hiring progress. The AEA's Ad Hoc Committee on the Job Market offers timely information on the supply of, and demand for, new Ph.D. economists as well as processes, trends, and timelines for the economics [job market](#).

The AEA also administers several professional honors programs to recognize important contributions and achievements of economists including the [John Bates Clark Medal](#), Distinguished Fellows, and AEJ Best Papers.

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